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Re Box No. V

**Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement**

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1: DAVID LANE ET AL: "Web Database Applications with PHP & MySQL passage" WEB DATABASE APPLICATIONS WITH PHP & MYSQL, March 2002, pages 1-26, XP002283237
- D2: US 2002/099936 A1
- D3: US-A-6 047 268
- D4: US-A-5 774 670
- D5: US-A-5 708 780

Document D1 is regarded as the nearest prior art in relation to the subject matter of claim 1.
It discloses (the references in parentheses refer to this document):

An operating method for a server that communicates with a client, wherein the server transfers a requested page to the client after it attaches identification data comprising a transmission identifier \ddot{U} -ID to this page and stores said transmission identifier.

The subject matter of claim 1 therefore differs from the known operating method in that the server, upon receiving a further request, stores a newly determined \ddot{U} -ID in place of the transferred-back identifier if the transferred-back identifier matches a stored identifier. If it does not, the newly determined transmission identifier is stored in addition to the transferred-back \ddot{U} -ID.

The object to be achieved by the present invention can therefore be seen in managing

multiple sessions **with different preset default settings** between the same client and server pair.

The solution proposed in claim 1 of the present invention in order to achieve this object is based on an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) for the following reasons:

None of the documents cited in the International Search Report refers to the problem posed in the application. In all the documents it is assumed that the object of session management is either to restore the same aborted session or to simplify the identification of the client, which is necessary for security. There is no reference to the need to store multiple session data for a client.

Claims 2-11 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore also meet the requirements of the PCT with regard to novelty and inventive step.

The subject matter of the data medium claim 12 and the server claim 13 corresponds to the subject matter of the operating method claim 1 and is therefore also novel and inventive.

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Certain defects in the international application

Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1 a) ii) PCT, there is no reference in the description either to the relevant prior art disclosed in documents D1 and D2, or to these documents.

The independent claim 1 is not drafted in the two-part form as defined by Rule 6.3 b) PCT. In the present case, however, the two-part format appears beneficial. Consequently, the features known in combination with one another from the prior art (document D1) belong in the preamble (Rule 6.3 b) i) PCT), and the remaining features in the characterizing portion (Rule 6.3 b) ii) PCT).